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Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob, PhD, RN, FAAN  
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University of Pittsburgh  
3500 Victoria Street, Room 350  
Pittsburgh, PA 15261

Dear Dr. Dunbar-Jacob:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on October 7-10, 2014, to grant accreditation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at University of Pittsburgh for 10 years, extending to December 31, 2024. The accreditation action is effective as of February 24, 2014, which is the first day of the program's recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the spring of 2024.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) must be submitted at the mid-point of the accreditation term. The CIPR must demonstrate the program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards and key elements. The deadline for submitting the CIPR to CCNE is December 1, 2019. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the CIPR. For more information about CIPRs and the report review process, please refer to the CCNE procedures.

Please note that the CIPR needs to address the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of submission. As a courtesy, CCNE will send a reminder letter to the chief nurse administrator approximately five months prior to the CIPR submission deadline. In that letter, CCNE will inform the program of the specific standards to be used and will provide guidance for the preparation of the report.

A copy of the accreditation team report that was sent to you earlier, along with your response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as the Commission's official report to University of Pittsburgh. We hope that both the results of the self-study process and the team report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

In accordance with CCNE policy, if a program elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the nursing program and its affiliation with CCNE. This statement must include *either* the accrediting agency's full name, address, and telephone number *or* the accrediting agency's full name and address of the website home page, which identifies CCNE's address and telephone number. CCNE has approved the use of *either* of the following statements for disclosure of the accreditation status to the public:

*The (baccalaureate degree in nursing/master's degree in nursing /Doctor of Nursing Practice program and/or post-graduate APRN certificate program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.*

*The (baccalaureate degree in nursing/master's degree in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice program and/or post-graduate*

*APRN certificate program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).*

Please ensure that the institution's website and other materials are updated to reflect this language, as appropriate. For more information on CCNE's disclosure policy, as well as information on use of the CCNE accreditation seal, please visit <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/seal-policy/baccalaureate-graduate>.

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the current CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. These documents are available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/standards-procedures-resources/baccalaureate-graduate>. This includes advising CCNE in the event of a substantive change affecting the nursing program. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are discussed further in the CCNE procedures.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the spring of 2014. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Karshmer, PhD, PMHCNS-BC  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg  
CCNE Board of Commissioners  
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee  
CCNE Evaluation Team